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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please conform the Specification to U.S. patent practice by entering the following amendments:

1. On page 1, after the title of the invention and before paragraph [0001], please add the following headings and information: --

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not applicable.

INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC

Not applicable.

REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX"

Not applicable.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field Of The Invention --.

2. On page 1, please amend paragraph [0001] as follows: --

[0001] The invention relates to a frictional damper, especially for cylinder washing machines, ~~according to the preamble of claim~~ ± with a spin cycle, having a housing and movable plunger which is arranged in the housing parallel to the housing longitudinal axis that is led out of the housing and has at least one mounting part moveable longitudinally relative to the plunger for mounting a friction lining and at least one amplitude - dependent impact element for braking the movement of the mounting part provided by the window. More particularly the invention pertains to an impact element disposed between an inner surface of the window and an outer surface of the mounting part. --

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3. On page 1 before paragraph [0002] please add the heading

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(2) Description Of Related Art Including Information

Disclosed Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. -

4. On page 2 before paragraph [0004] please add the heading

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION. -

5. On page 2 please amend paragraph [0005] as follows: -

[0005] Against this background, the object of the invention is to ~~propose~~ provide a frictional damper having an aperture or window of the plunger for accommodating a longitudinally displaceable slide which can be produced with little outlay and thus cost-effectively.

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6. On page 2 please amend paragraph [0006] as follows: --

[0006] Based on a frictional damper of the type mentioned at the beginning, this object is achieved by ~~the characterizing features of claim 1~~ having an impact element arranged between an inner surface of a window and an outer surface of a mounting part. Advantageous embodiments and developments of the invention are possible by orienting the inner surface of the window and the outer surface part transversely to the housing longitudinal axis, having the inner surface of the window and/or outer surface of the mounting part correspond to the cross sectional area of the mounting part, arranging the friction lining and the impact element in at least a partly overlapping manner transversely to the housing longitudinal axis, having an impact item that extends over the entire amplitude, having the dependency of the impact element depend disproportionately and constant on the amplitude, having the geometrical form of the impact element adapted to depend on the desired amplitude, having the impact element with at least one region that narrows in the direction of the housing longitudinal axis, having the impact element of a trapezoidal or triangular shape, having approximately planar friction surfaces

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in the housing, having an amplitude dependent impact element made
fo an elastomer and/or foamed plastic and/or a rubber material,
having a friction lining made of an amplitude - dependent impact
element, having at least two friction linings disposed on
opposite sides of a plunger, having a mounting part for the
guidance of a plunger with at least one guide surface in the
peripheral direction and transverse to the housing longitudinal
axis between two friction linings, providing a clearance between
the guide surface of the mounting part and a guide surface of the
plunger, having a plurality of impact elements arranged next to
one another transversely to the housing longitudinal axis and
having a cylinder fastened in the chassis with a frictional
damper ~~the measures mentioned in the subclaims.~~

7. On page 13 before paragraph [0040] please add the
heading --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S). --

8. On page 14 before paragraph [0047] please add the
heading --

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION INCLUDING BEST MODE .

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